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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

REMARKS

The documents listed herein are cited in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/718,416, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein. Copies of the cited foreign references are provided herein for the Examiner's convenience.

In this regard, English translations of the Japanese patent documents are not readily available to Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. U.S. Patent No. 5,734,553 is listed as being in the same patent family as the JP '490 reference. An English abstract obtained from a commercial data base also is enclosed for each of the Japanese references as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of a Japanese Office Action (with English translation) indicating how U.S. Patent No. 5,734,953 was deemed pertinent in a corresponding Japanese patent application also is enclosed. Finally, a copy of a Korean Office Action dated July 31, 2002, (English translation not readily available to Applicant's attorney) citing Japanese Document No. 59-5254 reference also is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

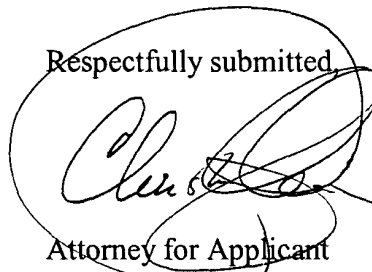
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the Rule 1.53(b) Continuation Application papers. Accordingly, no fee is believed required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the present Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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